

# REVIVAL OF COLONY'S INDUSTRIES

## Sir Lesley Boyce's Assurance To Manufacturers

### Supplies Within A Few Weeks

#### British Mine Disaster

Whitchurch, Dec. 10. Hope was abandoned today for seven miners in an undressed gallery of a coal pit when 15 were trapped by an explosion yesterday.

Eight bodies had been recovered by rescue squads who still were tunnelling inch by inch in knee-deep water through a wall of fallen coal and rock which blocked the blast-wrecked gallery with an estimated 100 tons of rubble.

Rescue operations in the long gallery, which extends from the pit-head literally out to sea, were pushed during the night although hampered by heavy fresh falls from the roof of the mine.

Nine rescue parties worked in shifts battling a way toward the entombed men on the slightest chance that some might still be alive. Their efforts were made difficult by seepage and by gas which followed the explosion believed to have been started by a fire in the damp.

However, Mr. T. J. Hughes, manager of the United Steel Company's collieries, where the explosion occurred, said that the gas is being cleared fairly well by specially equipped workers sent into the mine for that purpose.

Anxious groups of relatives still huddled about the pit entrance this morning. Some of them had been there since first word of the explosion was received.

One miner was being congratulated today on the illness of his wife. He had gone down into the undersea main yesterday with the regular shift but worried about his wife who had been ill in the morning. He left his work and returned home. Shortly after he left the gallery explosion wrecked it. —United Press.

### 28 Dead In Air Crash

Tokyo, Dec. 10. It was officially announced that there was only one American survivor among an undisclosed number of Army air crash victims caused when a C-46 transport struck the ground two minutes after its takeoff at Irumi airbase outside Osaka for Fukuoka, northwest Kyushu.

Official reports estimated that 28 were killed.

The industries of Hong Kong are doubtless still in their embryo stage. But we have an unlimited source of manpower. Our men are hardworking. This is our advantage which I would like to draw the attention of the gentlemen of the Mission.

**Extensive Tour**

Replying, Sir. Lesley said:

"We are delighted to be here as guests of the members of your Union, for which we are very grateful.

"We have just completed a very extensive and intensely interesting tour of China during which time we have visited North China and Manchuria, the Central Eastern Provinces, the West, and also Taiwan.

"Everywhere we were received with great hospitality and everything to contribute to our comfort and enjoyment was done. You will naturally not expect me to anticipate my report to His Majesty's Government but we have reason to hope that our visit has done something to cement our historic friendship and that in the future our trade will be extensively greater when conditions become more normal.

"We are very glad indeed to be visiting Hong Kong at the invitation of His Excellency the Governor and of meeting so many Chinese manufacturers, who are here enjoying equal opportunity and equal responsibility. We are also grateful to see you co-operating so well in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Hong Kong which in common with China suffered so grievously during the war."

"We reflect it both in principle and detail," he declared. "In principle because it is neither a full solution nor one which establishes the Jewish people in political independence." —Associated Press.

London, Dec. 9.

Two aircraft have sighted off the peninsula of the Chebong peninsula, the derelict submarine "Truant" which has been adrift and driven to shipping since Thursday. —Reuter.

### Call For Jewish State

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 10. Dr. Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Congress, called yesterday for establishment of a Jewish state as the only means of settling the Palestine problem.

"We cannot contemplate a solution falling short of that claim, the aging Jewish leader said in his presidential address.

Dr. Weizmann said that the so-called Morrison plan for the federalization of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states must be rejected "without hesitation or reserve."

"We reflect it both in principle and detail," he declared. "In principle because it is neither a full solution nor one which establishes the Jewish people in political independence." —Associated Press.

London, Dec. 9.

The industries of Hong Kong having got over the immediate post-war period, our duty as a Mission is to see how for we can support Hong Kong in its economy under conditions where a fair

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### Reds Slam The Door

Nanking, Dec. 10.

"There is no possibility of a compromise settlement," said the Communist spokesman Wang Ping-nan here today, reiterating General Chou En-lai's two conditions for the reopening of peace talks—dissolution of the National Assembly and restoration of troop positions to the status on Jan. 13 this year.

Wang promised an indefinite period of blockade until the United States "stopped aid to the Kuomintang, thus forcing a resumption of negotiations and a new approach."

He saw "no hope" of settlement with negotiations on the present lines.

Asked if the "staying power" of the Communists matched the endurance of the Nationalists, Wang said "absolutely," and added "under certain conditions our staying power is much greater."

Wang then made these points: 1. Good American military equipment supplied to the Kuomintang "is gradually losing its efficiency."

2. The American equipment was sometimes a liability because they cannot always use modern weapons and equipment.

3. The Kuomintang was losing more American equipment to Communist units.

4. Morale among Kuomintang officers and men was getting weaker. The people were "sick and tired" with war and are refusing to give recruit supplies to the Government. —Reuter.

### Clothing Ration To Go?

London, Dec. 9.

The first steps towards the ultimate abolition of clothes rationing in Britain are understood to be planned by the Board of Trade soon.

An increase in the number of coupons is expected with the new allotment on March 1.

The Government aims to increase coupons or decrease coupons prices. At least an extra ten coupons may be available for the next ration period.

More supplies of boots, shoes, material for men's suits, sheets, pillowcases, curtains and furnishing fabrics are expected. Priority deckets may not be needed after the New Year for sheets and pillowcases. They may be put out of coupons.

The number of extra coupons has not yet been fixed, but it is anticipated it may be anything up to a dozen.

Men are likely to have a wider range of choice in materials for suits and overcoats.

The final details of changes have not been decided. —Reuter.

### Commons Chary Of Debate

London, Dec. 10.

Lobby rumours in the House of Commons yesterday indicated that political leaders might avoid debate this week on the unsuccessful talks between Mr. Attlee and the Indian leaders.

The Press Association, usually well informed, said: "Some Ministers feel that if unwise things were said in debate it would only add to the difficulties of a very awkward situation instead of easing them."

Thursday and Friday have been left open on the Parliamentary schedule and it was reported that if the House put up a strong demand for a debate, one would be arranged for Thursday. The Conservative Party's "shadow Cabinet" was reported to be undecided on the position to adopt regarding a debate.

If India is not debated, the Commons will probably debate the controversial merger of the British and American zones of Germany. —Associated Press.

### WHITE RANEES DEATH FALL

New Delhi, Dec. 10.

The body of Ranees Taradevi, Czechoslovak wife of the 74-year-old Maharaja of Kapurthala, an Indian state in Punjab, was found at the foot of Delhi's 12th-century tower Qutab Minar, today.

She is believed to have fallen from the third of the five storeys of the 239-foot tower. It appears that she drove in a taxi from her hotel to the tower and, leaving her handbag with the driver, went up the tower. Visiting cards in her bag later disclosed her identity. She came to India with her mother as the guest of the Maharaja a few months before the war and married him four years later. —Reuter.

"The agreement does not determine a new rule of law, but is meant to give the basis on which it will be framed."

He added that the major part of the agreement — dependent on further negotiation between the Dutch Commission-General and the Indonesian delegation — had still to be accomplished. —Reuter.

### "Dangerous Person" Sentenced

London, Dec. 10.

Herbert Wanbon, 28-year-old College graduate who tried to kidnap Vivien Leigh, the actress, as she was stepping from her car with her husband, Laurence Olivier, was sentenced to three consecutive terms of two months imprisonment each for assaulting Olivier, and two police officers.

Wanbon was told by the magistrate: "Unfortunately doctors have not taken the step, as present at any rate, of certifying you as insane and in that event I must treat you as responsible for your actions."

"I am afraid you are a very dangerous person."

Wanbon said that his dismissal from the part which he had been given with the Old Vic Company caused him to come to the conclusion that there was a deliberate intrigue and hostility against him. —Reuter.

### Far East Troops Walk Off Ship

Liverpool, Dec. 10.

Three hundred troops bound for the Far East walked off the troopship Empress of Scotland at Liverpool last night.

"They complained that conditions on the lower deck were small."

A corporal said that in one men's deck 107 men were crowded in a small room. Another man said he found a "crawling thing" about half an inch long among the bedding. Other complaints were that men had had only one meal since they boarded the ship at 11 a.m. yesterday and that was at 5 p.m.

Water for washing was turned on only at meal times, and men had to wait in queues for three quarters of an hour before they could get to the wash basins.

Most of the men had returned from Singapore in the Empress of Scotland at the end of September.

"We complained of conditions during that voyage," said one of the men, "but they were not remedied."

A colonel went ashore to speak to the men. He told them efforts

### Jack-In-The-Box Island

San Francisco, Dec. 9.

Radio Australia today reported that the Pacific island, which has been confounding mariners for nearly 300 years by showing on the surface and subsequently disappearing, has been rediscovered in five fathoms of water.

A New Zealand corvette found the island, known as Falcon, in the Tonga group. The corvette started the search after the master of the New Zealand motorship, Pueymoner, said he passed within ten miles of the charted position of Falcon Island last month and it was not there. The island has never been inhabited. —United Press.

The men then went back to the ship. —Reuter.

### NORMA TALMADGE MARRIED

Las Vegas, Nevada, Dec. 10.

Norma Talmadge, well-known star of the silent screen, was married to Dr. Corvin James, Hollywood physician, today. —Reuter.

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### JAP. BARBARY AND TERROR

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

The Philippine phase of the Tokyo war trials opened today with the unfolding of a story of barbarity and terror by a conqueror, paralleled in history only by the disclosures made at the Nuremberg tribunal in Germany.

The associate prosecutor for the Philippine Republic, Mr. Pedro Lopez, in his opening statement running to 30 pages, presented a picture which he said would conclusively pierce the sham hypocrisy of pious protestations made by the Japanese Government that its conquered areas would receive humanitarian treatment.

He declared that from living witnesses and from Japanese documents, the Philippines would produce evidence to show that the basic policy of Hideki Tojo and his 26 co-defendants "and other leaders of Japan" was to produce "a warlike master race dead set on world conquest."

Mr. Lopez said: "Our present phase will show theowering and the results of that policy in terms of thousands upon thousands of innocent persons butchered, maimed, starved, debraded."

He charged that more than 130,028 Filipinos and Americans met death at Japanese hands by murder, cruelty, starvation, torture, assault, sadistic treatment, "and this figure does not represent war casualties."

In shocking, sickening details, Mr. Lopez gave brief accounts of massacres and atrocities committed by Japanese whose victims he contended, would have "welcomed" as an alternative to the lethal gas chamber of Dachau.

57 Varieties

Mr. Lopez listed in one paragraph alone 57 different tortures which the Japanese inflicted upon Filipinos. "They raped a number of women on the club grounds, then cut off the breasts of some of their victims and poured gasoline on the hair of others, igniting it. The males did not escape." —United Press.

### B.B.C. And Far East

London, Dec. 10.

The B.B.C. continued to provide broadcasting stations in nearly every part of the world, including the Far East, with programmes in recorded form, states the Corporation's annual report for the year 1945-6.

"The end of the war in the Far East was followed by the renewal of the demand for transcriptions from British stations, including those at Hong Kong, Singapore and Rangoon.

"Recordings have also been supplied for broadcasting from the Chinese station at Shanghai," the report states.

The number of the Corporation's staff who died as a result of enemy action during the war was 81; of these 31 died on active service and 30 were civilians on the staff killed in air attacks.

The report refers to "experimental investigation" into "a system of broadcasting on ultra short waves, known as frequency modulation" and adds that results of these are at present being studied. —Reuter.

### NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET

Cairo, Dec. 10.

Socialist Party leader, Mahmoud Fahmy el Nokrashy Pasha succeeded today in forming a new Government pledged to hasten the evacuation of British troops from Egypt and pledged to seek the Nile Valley unity with Egypt, with the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan under promise of eventual self-government within the framework of a permanent union with Egypt. —United Press.

### THE WEATHER

The anticyclone over China has lost intensity. The intense depression N. of Hokkaido is moving slowly N. and the trough associated with the depression passes near the Bonins across Formosa and South China.

Pressure is still low over the equatorial regions. Today's forecast: Fresh E. winds, weather continuing cloudy and misty with scattered drizzle about the hills.

Yesterday's weather:

Maximum: 69 deg. Fah.

Minimum: 64.5 deg. Fah.

Max. Rel. Humidity: 90 per cent.

Sunshine: 3 hours.



# GOVERNOR'S APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF S.P.C.

The splendid work of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children received the admiration and appreciation of His Excellency the Governor who, in a speech at yesterday's first post-war annual meeting of the Society, made a strong appeal to the public to give support to the Society.

His Excellency said no institution was worthier of public support and sympathy, and he assured the Society that Government would give the utmost in its power to help in furthering its aims and objects.

The meeting was presided over by the President, the Hon. Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, C.B.E., and with him on the platform were His Excellency the Governor and Lady Young, Mr. F. P. Franklin, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. Aneurin Jones, Dr. Lee Han Liong, Mr. Wong Chi-po and Mrs. M. Barker (Hon. General Secretary).

Opening the meeting Mr. Hazlerigg said:

"This is the first annual general meeting of the Society since 1940, and it gives me great pleasure to welcome here our Patron, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Young. Since the last meeting the Society has suffered grievous losses, both human and material. Many of the officers and members have lost their lives. Our centres have been completely destroyed, and our staff and inspectors dispersed. However this is not the time to lament past losses. I mention them just to emphasise the fact that when we restarted in April last we did so practically from scratch. We did, however, inherit certain things from the old Society. We had some knowledge of its problems and how these problems should be handled. Above all, we inherited the nucleus of officers and members of the Society who still survived, and some of the inspectors here were prepared to rejoin the service of the Society.

## Task Greater

The task ahead of us today is the same as what it was, before, namely, to ensure that the lot of children of the unfortunate under-privileged class should be made easier. Work has been made a thousandfold more difficult by conditions brought about by the war and the enemy occupation, and the situation has been aggravated by present conditions in China. Evil housing conditions are still with us—in fact they are much worse than before the war. Overcrowding has never been a more pressing problem than it is today. Many of the people we are out to help live in shacks and ruins of what used to be houses. We shall have a greater number of destitutes to care for in the future.

## New Awakening

"Lots of people in Hong Kong say that the programme ahead is therefore a formidable one, in the past the Society has always looked to the public of this Colony in a spirit of faith, and the public in turn has never failed us. So long as we show the public that we are tackling the task for which we were founded to tackle I have no doubt that all the monetary aid we need will be forthcoming. We look forward again therefore in a spirit of hopefulness."

## Main Problem

"Our immediate problem is accommodation. All our centres have been destroyed, and we have to hire floors which is

soon become the common aim of the people as a whole."

### H.E.'s Speech

Rising to speak amid loud applause, His Excellency the Governor said the two thoughts uppermost in the minds of all present were the complete sympathy with the aims of the Society and admiration for the manner in which its aims and objects were being carried out. It was difficult, he said, to conceive any organisation which received more universal approval, than this one, devoted as it was to the protection of the young.

There were good number of cranks in this world, said His Excellency, whose likes and dislikes were at times amusing and odd. There were those who hated their fellow men, whom we termed misanthropes; and there were those who hated women. There were others who hated mankind in general. But crank or no crank he believed there was no person or class of person who was anti-pathetic to children. Such a class was simply non-existent.

"Our activities are necessarily limited by the amount of time and personnel at our disposal. We have however been fortunate in having had the help and cooperation of Dr. Fehily and voluntary workers helping in the distribution of milk at controlled price for registered children, and to date over 7,000 children have benefited from the distribution.

### Pressing Need

"One side of our work is the maintenance of a certain number of children in orphanages and institutions in the Colony. This has become a more and more pressing need with the large increase in population.

"It is not customary for the President to express thanks for the services of workers of the Society, but in this case I feel that, custom or no custom, I cannot refrain from expressing grateful thanks to all those who had worked so hard to set the Society on its feet again. In this connection I must sing out the invaluable services of Mrs. M. Barker, the Hon. General Secretary, and the two branch secretaries, Mr. R. A. Joscelyne and Mrs. W. H. Latimer, who were indefatigable in their efforts to get results. They and their co-workers contributed materially to the active rehabilitation of the Society's work.

"And to the voluntary workers of the Society we are, as we have always been, tremendously indebted. It is the policy of the Society that none of the money contributed by the public goes to payment of salaries of workers or administrative expenses. The money is given for promoting the welfare of children, and it is devoted to this one and only purpose."

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## Money Mart

Prices again appreciated yesterday, jumping to \$18.00 per 100 after opening at \$16.30 though in the course of the day's fluctuation it went down as low as \$15.80 for a while. Closing rate was \$16.70.

Gold on the other hand dropped.

Opening at \$328 a tael it fell to \$324 but rallied slightly to \$325.50 at the close.

Chinese National Currency was again lifeless, and rates were nominal at 76 cents for futures and \$1.05 for spot (for C.N.S. \$1,000).

U.S. dollars had buyer at 4.80.

Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$15.40 and \$12.55 respectively.

### Shanghai Exchange

Closing Shanghai quotations as cabled by Associated Press:

	Buying	Selling
C.N.S.	C.N.S.	C.N.S.
Gold per ounce	284,000	287,000
U.S. Dollars	5,000	5,100
H.K. Dollars	1,000	1,000

SHANGHAI DISASTER

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

Four bodies have been found amid the debris of what was the city's largest stadium which had been used since the Japanese occupation for ammunition storage as workers started to clean up the premises following Saturday's and Sunday's severe explosion and fire. Six others are missing.

United Press:

### Society's Goal

"We are therefore most definitely in sympathy with the objects and aims of this Society whose goal is most aptly set out in the following paragraph of the Society's constitution which I will read out:

"To protect children and young persons by preventing, removing or mitigating any wrongs or injustices done to them; to safeguard their morals; to prevent any act which causes or is likely to cause them unnecessary suffering or injury to their health; and generally to protect the interests of children."

"It would be difficult to add anything to that excellent statement, and it is worthy of support in every possible way from every one of us."

"And now I must refer to the way in which these objects and aims are being carried out. I can speak for Government that the wonderful work which you active members of the Society are performing is highly appreciated and admired, and Government feels that the utmost support should be given to you in the pursuit of your noble objects."

"In a society of this sort there are three sorts of people supporting it. First there are the actual workers. I have read their names in this paper, and I have heard what the President has said about their work. I offer my tribute of sincere appreciation of what they are doing. The next class consists of those who are unable to give personal services but who make genuine sacrifices by contributing financially to the work of the Society. To them, and the children benefit from their generosity. The third class are those who have not found or taken an opportunity of giving personal service or made any real sacrifice to support the work of the Society, and to them I would say that there is room in Class I, and if they prefer Class II there is more room still; and I suggest that they take steps immediately to seek, in fact insist upon, promotion to the two upper classes."

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## THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION

Owing to the present high level of working costs a scale of charges for the work entailed in the handling of securities, etc. deposited in Safe Custody will be introduced by members of the Association as from 1st January, 1947.

Particulars may be ascertained on application to member banks.

## NOTICE

### ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB

Mr. D. W. Munton has been appointed Secretary. All Correspondence in connection with Club Matters should in future be addressed to him at Room 212, Windsor House, Tel. 23240.

D. H. Blake, Captain

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

Former Members returning to the Colony are requested to register their names with the Treasurers, Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., on arrival if they wish to continue membership.

By Order of the Committee.

CYRIL BELL, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Cricket Club.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10—per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such members to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING (Tel. 27754) WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON EACH DAY.

A limited number of liftings will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 28211).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie-Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

## HONG KONG ISLAMIC UNION

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at the Muslim Cemetery, Happy Valley on SUNDAY, 16th Dec. 1946 at 11 a.m. to receive the Report of the Emergency Committee and to conduct any other business.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th December 1946.

## COMMITTEE ON HAWKING

The Committee has recently been formed to consider and advise Government on the question of hawkers.

The full terms of reference are:

(a) To consider and report on the extent to which hawkers perform a useful role in the economy of the Colony.

(b) To advise Government whether any alterations are needed in the system by which hawkers are at present regulated and controlled, with particular regard to the means by which evasion of the bye-laws relating to the licensing of hawkers and to their activities can most appropriately and effectively be checked.

(c) To recommend what facilities should be provided to enable hawkers in adequate but not excessive numbers to perform useful functions for the community without detriment to the public health and convenience or to the legitimate interests of other traders.

Any person who wishes to make any representations or recommendations on this subject is hereby invited to send them in writing to the Secretary, Committee on Hawking, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

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### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

### ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1947.

13th, 14th, and 15th Jan.

On each day the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers for the three days (24 Races—\$48) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets (\$2—each) in the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby to be run on the second day, Tuesday, 14th January.

Full name and address of the registered shareholder.

Number of shares.

Strip numbers.

Distinguishing numbers of shares.

Holders are also requested to produce to the Company for examination and endorsement, if in order, the certificates for all the shares which they hold.

Dated at Hong Kong this 29th day of July, 1946.

R. TAYLOR,  
Manager & Secretary.

## THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the office of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 12TH DECEMBER, 1946 at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents together with Statements of Accounts for the year ended the 31ST DECEMBER 1941 and for the period from the 1ST JANUARY 1942 to the 31ST DECEMBER 1945.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23RD NOVEMBER to the 12TH DECEMBER 1946, both days inclusive.

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GERMAN ECONOMY

The most interesting and perhaps the only hopeful answers given by Stalin in his remarkable interview with Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, concerned the future of Germany. Asked in question twelve whether he considered that "the level permitted industry should be raised above the agreed level to permit Germany to pay her way more fully," Stalin replied, "Yes, I do." Asked in question fourteen, "Should the German people be allowed to reconstruct their industry and trade and become self-supporting?" he replied, "Yes, they should." These two answers are contrary to the principles laid down at Potsdam in July 1945 regarding the Allied Control of Germany, when it was agreed that Allied controls should be imposed on German economy "to assure the production of goods and services . . . essential to maintain in Germany average living standards not exceeding the average of the standards of living of European countries." In addition stringent controls were placed upon German production of steel and on other German industries. As a result of the Potsdam agreement, the situation in Germany is rapidly deteriorating, and this is affecting the situation of Europe as a whole. The key to recovery of course is the Ruhr. In a letter to the "London Times," Professor Findlay Shirras, who has recently returned from seven months in Germany as Director of Public Revenue and General Finance in the British Zone, has described the state of affairs in the Ruhr today. He points out that a vicious circle exists, in that without more coal the production of steel is restricted and without more steel the production of coal is restricted. The professor goes on to quote figures that show how the present output of coal in the Ruhr is less than half of what it was before the war. Steel production is only 30 per cent of the pre-war volume. And this in spite of the fact that destruction of plant and equipment accounts for a loss of only 10 per cent of coal production, and 15 per cent of steel. The reason for the Potsdam ruling was, of course, to ensure against the possibility of German rearmament. But there is a perfectly adequate way of doing this without depriving all Europe of much-needed steel. Before the war Germany had to import 86 per cent of all the iron ore she required for steel manufacture. And even with the scrap now available in her bombed cities she would still have to import nearly all the ore she would need for full-scale production today. Instead of limiting her production, why not closely control her supplies of raw material? An international authority could very easily check the amount of steel produced in the Ruhr against the amount of ore imported from other countries. The same authority could be responsible for the handling of all the steel produced, and ensure a fair distribution for peaceful purposes throughout Europe. In this way the Ruhr industries could be restored to full production without fear of them being used for the manufacture of armaments. With the present European shortage of steel and coal it is sheer stupidity to strangle the greatest production centre of the continent. Without a prosperous Ruhr there never can be a prosperous Europe.

JAPAN TO GET  
HER CUT!

Washington, Dec. 10.

The signing of an agreement

for Japan to buy civilian type

surplus military supplies in

Japan was announced today by

Gen. Donald H. Connally, foreign

liquidation commissioner.

How much Japan will pur-

chase, the exact kinds of goods,

prices and terms of the sales

will be worked out later.

Some surplus property may

be traded for real estate but

the support of one of the most

respected living Englishmen

Mr. Winston Churchill. In a talk

he gave at Harvard University

while the war was still on, he

forwards the argument that

the terms and transfers will be

subject to approval by Gen.

Douglas MacArthur, Associated

Press.

## PRINCIPLES OF BASIC ENGLISH

It was a Cambridge man, Professor C. K. Ogden, who after a number of serious tests, put forward the system now known as Basic English. Experience has given good reasons for the belief that in this invention we have a discovery that is the answer to past attempts to get a true international language.

In this system, the number of basic words is limited to 850, though there are in addition short lists for special purposes like science, trade you may have a feeling of surprise that normal

in Basic we had the system best

to be used as an international

language. Some days later there

was a letter in the Times newspaper in which the suggestion was

made that the Atlantic Charter

could not be put into Basic. A day

or two after Professor Ogden, who

was responsible for the invention

of Basic, sent a letter to that

newspaper giving the complete

wording of the Charter in Basic.

The Atlantic Charter in normal

English and in Basic was later

printed as a White Paper. I will

only give you the first three parts

for comparison.

### The Charter

The President of the United States & the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, representing His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, being met together, deem it right to make known certain common principles in the national policies of their respective countries on which they base their hopes for a better future for the world.

First. Their countries seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other.

Second. They desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned.

Third. They respect the right of all peoples, to choose the form of government under which they will live; and they wish to see sovereign rights and self-government restored to those who have been forcibly deprived of them.

### In Basic English

The President of the United States & the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, acting for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, being now together, are of

the opinion that it is right to make

public certain common ideas in

the political outlook of their two

countries on which are based their

hopes for a better future for all

nations.

First, their countries will do

nothing to make themselves stronger

by taking more land or increasing

their power in any other way.

Second. They have no desire for any land to be handed over from one nation to another without the freely-voiced agreement of the men and women whose interests are in question.

Third. They take the view that all nations have the right to say what form of government they will have; and it is their desire to see their self-government and rights as independent nations given back to those from whom they have been taken away by force.

After hearing these two examples is it possible for anyone here to say that the needs of normal international and political relations are outside the range of this new system? Only if you take the view that the number of words to which we give the name "verbs" become things or nouns. Such words, then as DIE, LOVE, HATE, LIVE are unable to be used in the normal way. I may be in love, or have a feeling or love, or make love, but I am not able to use the word love as a verb. My death may take place, I may be put to death, or I may be dead, but I am not able to say that I have or he has died. This may at first seem to be a round-about way of talking or writing, but it is not a small price to pay for limiting the use of words to so small a number? There is no suggestion that by the learning of Basic one is able to become a second Shakespeare or Macaulay. The purpose is to give persons without any knowledge of English a working use of that language in the simplest possible form—so simple in fact that the learning will be less difficult than that of any other strange language.

COME, GIVE, GO, KEEP,

LET, MAKE, PUT, SEE,

TAKE, DO, BE, HAVE, SAY,

SEE, SEND, MAY & WILL.

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# WRANGLE AT LAST BROKEN

## United Nations Makes Progress In New York

### New Disarmament Resolution

Lake Success, Dec. 10.

A United Nations sub-committee today broke up a protracted wrangle on troops and disarmament, and virtually completed work on the resolution for worldwide reduction and regulation of arms.

The action represented a victory for France, Egypt and India in pressing for the inclusion in the general disarmament resolution of a provision relating to the withdrawal of troops from alien territories and for considering the United States security forces in connection with disarmament steps.

The jam was broken by two factors:

Paul Henri Spaak, the Assembly President, who evidently became more annoyed as the wrangling continued, told the delegates to cease "wasting time" on "irrelevant matters."

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the British delegate, asked the delegates to consider what the newspapers would say about them at this meeting and urged them not to become a "laughing stock."

## Other Business

Elsewhere in the United Nations:

1. The Economic committee passed a resolution, giving the United States and other countries with food to spare, direct control over where and how it will be used.

2. Australia lashed at Russia for its refusal to go to San Francisco, if the United Nations chose that city as a permanent home.

Under the United States plan, the eventual selection will be made from New York, Boston or the Philadelphia areas, with San Francisco eliminated. A lengthy meeting of the political Committees and Sub-committees, considering disarmament, produced tortuous arguments over French and Egyptian proposals which finally were merged into a clarifying resolution, by the Indian delegate, Mr. Justice Chagla.

On Brazil's demand, the resolution was voted on in three parts. The committee approved part one which stated that "the General Assembly regarding the problem of security as closely

connected with that of disarmament, recommends that the Security Council accelerate as much as possible, the placing at its disposal of the armed forces mentioned in article 48 of the Charter which provides for an international police force."

U.S. Amendment

Part two recommended that the Governments undertake the progressive and balanced withdrawal of forces. The committee then adopted the third part—originally put forward by Egypt—by 14 to 3.

This section recommends "early withdrawal of forces stationed in the territories of member states without their consent and the demobilisation of national forces."

The United States insisted on an amendment—which Egypt accepted—exempting "troops abroad in accord in accordance with treaties."—Associated Press.

## No Thoroughfare

Washington, Dec. 9.

The State Department today confirmed reports that the United States Consul General, Mr. Edmund Clubb, has been prevented by Chinese Communists from taking over his post in Harbin.

Mr. Clubb will continue to carry out consular duties in Changchun, 150 miles south of Harbin.

The Department spokesman said the reported reason for the Communist refusal to admit Mr. Clubb to Harbin was that the United States was aiding Chiang Kai-shek in the Chinese civil war.—United Press.

## NO "DUMPING"

Canberra, Dec. 10. The Australian Minister of Information, Mr. A. A. Caldwell, declared today that the Government will not tolerate wholesale dumping in Australia of European migrants of any religion, race or rec-

## Grim Story Of Massacre

Manila, Dec. 10.

A prosecution witness testified at the war crimes trial of Warrant Officer Sadaki Konishi today that the Japanese ordered the bayonetting of six-year-old James Gardner, an American boy, when he was found to be still alive after his parents, David and Florence Gardner, had been executed.

The witness said that James who was tied to the hands of his mother was crying and calling "Mama" when he was killed. The execution followed the freeing of 3,000 Allied internees at the Los Banos internment camp in February of 1945 during which Konishi barely escaped the fire of paratroopers and guerrillas.—Associated Press.

The Gardners lived outside the camp.

Two other witnesses, Matilde Chu, and her sister, Mindy Chu, said Konishi was responsible for the massacre of Ang Kayling, a Chinese resident of Los Banos and all members of his household and 60 unarmed Filipino and Chinese civilians as revenge for the raid.—Associated Press.

## Gen. Franco Remains Defiant

Madrid, Dec. 10.

Generalissimo Franco, climaxing a demonstration described by the controlled press as "a national plebiscite against foreign interference," told the crowds massed before the national Palace yesterday: "They will not take away our victory."

He appeared on the palace balcony before demonstrators estimated variously to number between 50,000 and 100,000.

For three hours the demonstrators marched through the heart of Madrid without incident.

All foreign Embassies were heavily guarded with the most elaborate precautions in front of the French Embassy where additional plain clothesmen and mounted police had been added to the guard.

He ended his speech with words from the Falange hymn, "Face to the sun—it is beginning to dawn in Spain."—Associated Press.

## Assembly Discussion

Lake Success, N.Y., Dec. 9.

The recommendation that members of the United Nations break off diplomatic relations with General Franco's Government in Spain, adopted by the sub-committee appointed to consider the matter, came before the Political Committee of the General Assembly for discussion here today.

Strong feelings have been aroused by the subject, especially among the Latin-American delegations and a long argument reduced about the method of voting.

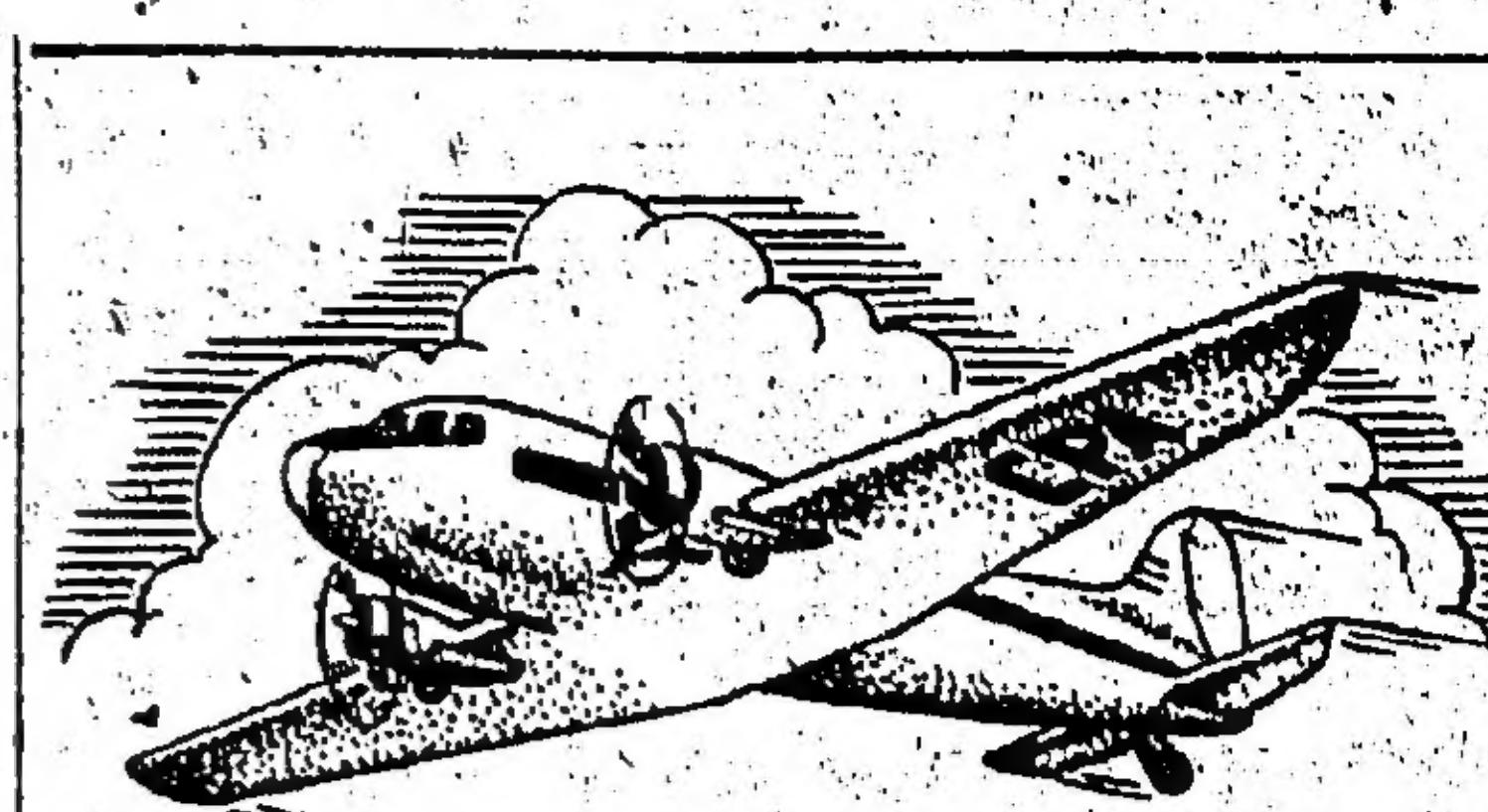
Dr. G. Belt, of Cuba, in an impassioned plea against breaking off relations, said: "My Government, even if a rupture were recommended would not accept this recommendation. No country will dictate to my country what policy it will follow in regard to other countries."

The first operative clause, recommending that Spain should be debarred from membership (Continued at foot of next Col.)



## NEW MATCH

Osceola, N.Y., Dec. 9. A convenience afforded to servicemen during the war soon will be available to civilians. The Diamond Match Company has begun the manufacture of water-resistant matches at the rate of 7,500,000 daily. The matches, which will light while wet, are guaranteed to function even after complete submersion for four hours.—United Press.



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## ATTACK ON YENAN?

Nanking, Dec. 9.

Radio Yenan today claimed that five or six regiments of General Hu Tsung-nan's army had launched a big-scale attack toward Yenan from the southern part of the Communist border region, penetrating ten miles into the Red pocket.

The broadcast said the Nationalists in the initial drive captured two small towns, Liulinchen and Yangchijian. Liulinchen is about 90 miles south of Yenan.

The broadcast indicated that Hu's troops started from the Lunghai Railway zone.—United Press.

## Lebanon Cabinet Resigns

Beirut, Dec. 9.

Saddi el Mulla, Premier of Lebanon, today confirmed that his Cabinet would resign tomorrow.

According to Parliamentary circles, the resignation is due to severe criticism of the Government's economic policy and the intention of some deputies to present a motion in Parliament withdrawing their confidence.

## Forthcoming Avalanche

San Francisco, Dec. 9.

Nine hundred Protestant missionaries arrived here to begin last minute preparations to sail to the Far East. Most of them sail for China on next Sunday aboard the Marine Lynx.—United Press.

## London Tragedy

London, Dec. 9.

A woman and her two and a half year-old son lost their lives in a fire which broke out early today in Willesden Lane, London.

The victim, Mrs. Anne Wells, aged 29, wife of Montague Wells, aged 37, and their son John were brought down a 60-foot fire escape by firemen, but were found to be dead from suffocation on arrival at a hospital.—Reuter.

## YUGOSLAV CLAIM

Paris, Dec. 9.

Yugoslavia has asked France to inform the Council of Foreign Ministers that she wants to take part in the Council's forthcoming discussions on Germany and Austria as a state directly interested in peace settlements with those countries. It was learned semi-officially here tonight.

The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, according to reports here, emphasized his country's interest in the territorial and economic clauses of the peace treaty with Austria.—Reuter.

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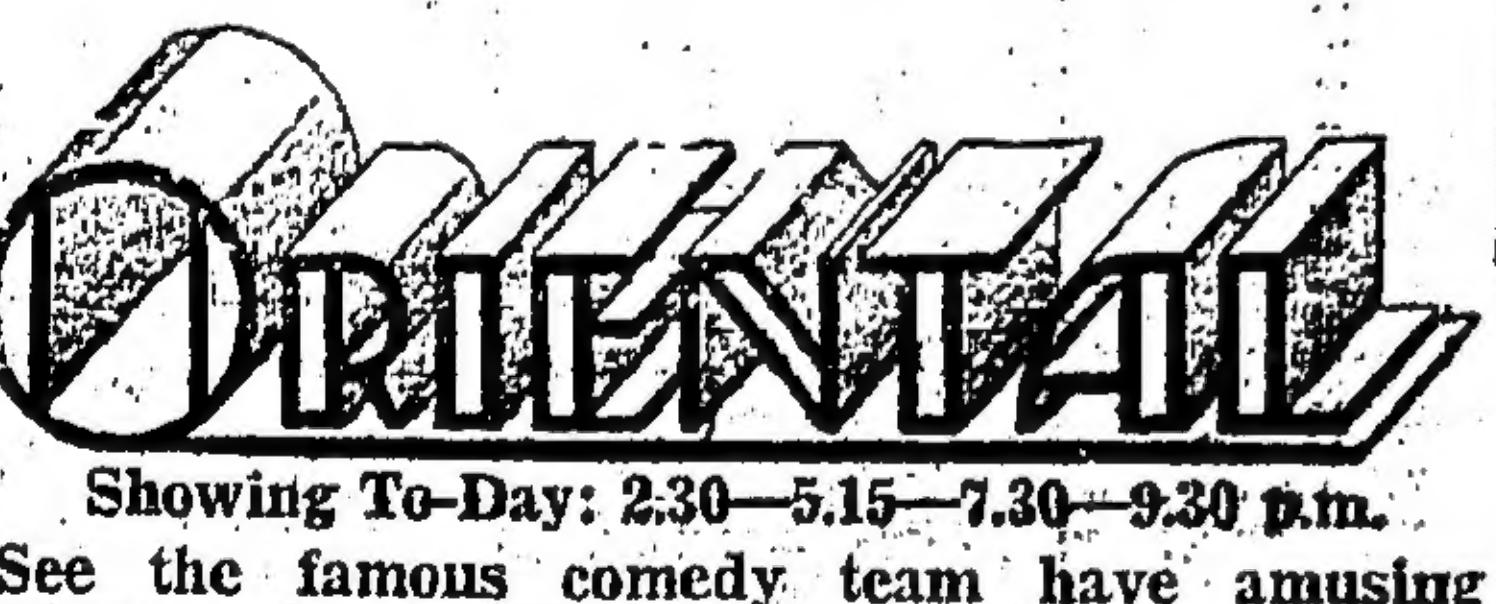
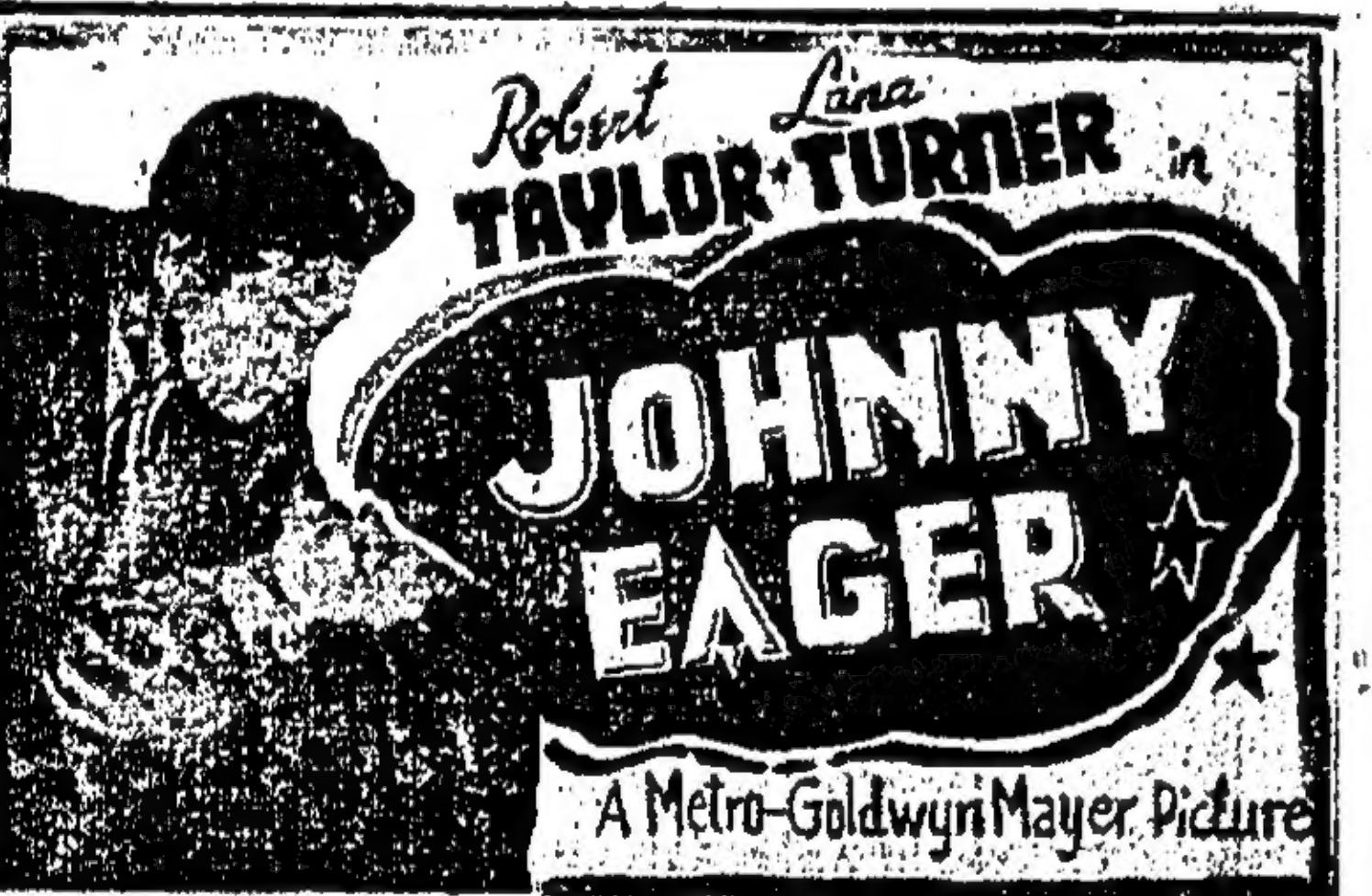


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# AUSTERITY FOR FRANCE

## Grave Warning By Minister Of Finance

### COUNTRY ON ROAD TO BANKRUPTCY

#### Vikings Grounded

London, Dec. 10. The British European Airways Corporation announced yesterday that its Vikings Vikings have been grounded temporarily because they develop "a tendency toward instability" under icing conditions.

BEAC had seven Vikings in service on December 1, all on continental European routes. Thirty-seven others are to be delivered by the end of February. Technicians held a meeting yesterday to consider structural changes which would make it possible to use them for cold weather flying. —Associated Press.

#### LISBON ORDER

Lisbon, Dec. 10. The police have ordered Joseph Arthur Porto, former assistant financial attaché of the United Stateslegation, to leave Lisbon by midnight on Tuesday. They decline to give any reason. —Associated Press.

The French Minister of Finance, M. Robert Schuman, in the most thorough and drastic balance sheet of French economy ever drawn up, Britain's policy of austerity as an example to be followed urgently by France if bankruptcy and impoverishment are to be avoided. The report, which covers hundreds of pages and gives figures never before publicly accessible, will be submitted to the Finance Commission of the National Assembly by M. Schuman as the first shot in the campaign for a severely economical budget and for a radical change in the manner in which the state's numerous commercial and industrial enterprises are being run.

It throws the spotlight on the position of recently nationalised banks, insurance companies, aviation factories and coal and power industries, on the growth of bureaucracy, the chronic state of budget deficit and extravagant military expenditure.

Paris, Dec. 9.

A Vanderbilt University doctor has revealed that he is in the middle stages of experimentation with a new anaesthetic that he thinks will produce faster action.

Dr. Benjamin H. Robbins said he had experimented successfully with fluorinated hydrocarbons, but much more data must be gathered before the method could be tested safely on human patients. He has used mice and dogs in preliminary studies.

"There are about a half-dozen compounds which look very good and have the advantage of being non-explosive," Dr. Robbins said.

"Some of them are quite rapid. That is, they produce anaesthesia very quickly and the patient recovers from them much more rapidly than from others such as ether and chloroform."

The new compounds produce "total anaesthesia," as do the older types, but the after-effects may be eliminated by the newer discovery, he believes, some of the new compounds and liquids and some gases. Dr. Robbins said. —United Press.

#### Big Gap

The gap between the state's revenues and its expenditure is

310,000 million francs, including

100,000 million francs on sub-

sidies to agriculture and various

industries which the report con-

siders, as of "medicore" economic

use and including also all losses

in nationalised industries.

The nationalised coal industry,

whose subsidy was suppressed

last March, is now reported to be

losing about 1,000 million francs

per month.

The report is very discreet

about aircraft factories, which

have been nationalised since

liberation but it is reliably re-

ported that their combined de-

icit this year runs into 2,000 or

3,000 million francs.

The report says the budget

deficit is due to two main rea-

sons: Firstly, "the state's own

standard of living" and losses of

autonomous organisations depend-

ing on the state. Wages and

salaries account for 25.6 per cent

of the nation's budget against

17.2 per cent in 1936.

—United Press.

Gloomy Picture

"Military expenditure in 1920 repre-

sented 5 per cent of the

normal and permanent state re-

sources." Today, they represent

4.6 per cent.

"Social

charges—pensions,

health service, etc.—have in-

creased faster than production.

Between the two world wars,

allowing for depreciation of

currency, their charges have

multiplied by 15.5, whereas na-

tional income has multiplied by

1.5 per cent."

Secondly, the report paints a

gloomy picture of state revenue,

describing as "shocking" the

inequalities of taxation between

salary and fixed income holders

on the one hand and farmers

and middlemen on the other.

—Reuter.

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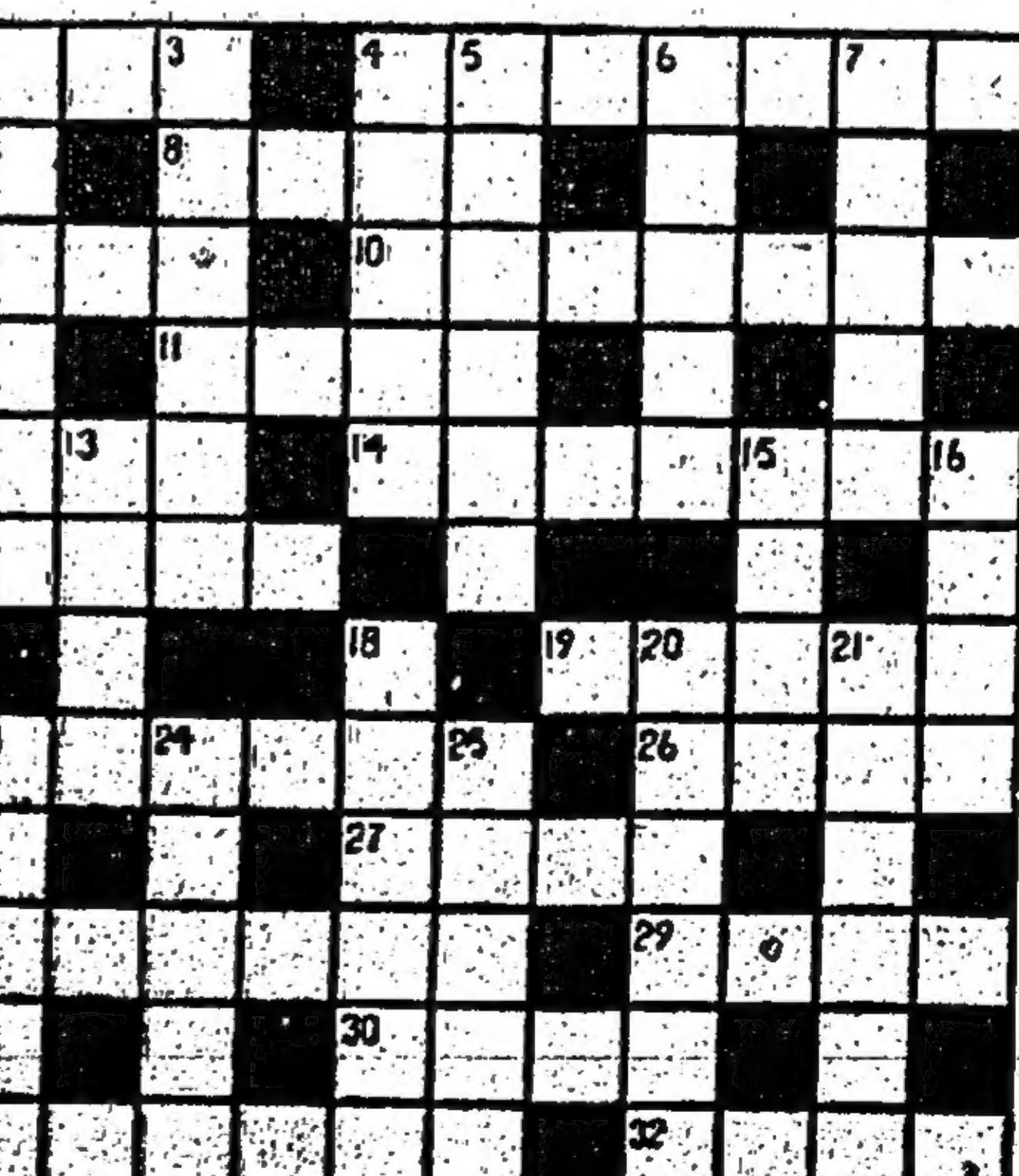
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6. Bad habit. 27. Vessels.

10. Disregarded. 28. Inquisitive.

11. Wilfully. 29. Whirlpool.

12. Pleasant. 30. Elbow.

12. Downy. 31. Looked quick-

ly.

14. Came in.

17. Requests especially.

21. Political party.

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**Next Step In American Coal Industry Dispute**

New York, Dec. 9. The next step in the coal dispute, which carries on despite Lewis' order to resume mining, will be the Supreme Court's review of the Goldsborough decision. Lewis and his lawyers express confidence that the contempt verdict will be reversed but whatever the Supreme Court decides, there is little doubt this crisis will serve to mould new Congress labour legislation.

Thus twice in his career, Lewis may be responsible for anti-labour legislation. It was Lewis' 1943 wartime coal strike which so aroused the Democratic Congress that it passed the Smith-Connally Act under which Government seized the coal mines last spring.

The President reported to be working on a message to Congress which will be the most forceful message on labour he has ever made.

It is likely that Congressional action will not be against the individual worker but will be aimed against labour leaders.

Among shippings, Orient

Navigation was outstanding,

closing 5/9 higher at 80.9.

Reuter.

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# FIGHTING STARTS IN IRAN

## Govt. Invasion Of Azerbaijan Test Of Soviet Strength?

Teheran, Dec. 10. The Chief of the General Staff announced today that Central Government troops launched a general attack to start the invasion of Azerbaijan last night. The announcement said troops marched out of Zenjan toward Mianeh. This morning another column started toward Mianeh from Zarcham, 100 miles further north of the Azerbaijan fortified positions along Ghaflankuh which had been subjected to artillery bombardment.

Premier Gravans Sultenah, cophiles and the servants of those who hold the atomic secrets."

The broadcast said the Azerbaijan forces would not flee before the Central forces and that the General Staff was mistaken if it believed they would—United Press.

### Testing Soviet?

Four columns in all thrust into the province in what some diplomatic sources here considered an armed test of Soviet influence in Persia's northernmost province.

General Razmara said that the attacking forces were made up of regular and irregulars, that their main thrust began at 0900 Persian time on Tuesday morning, and that contact had been made with Democratic forces a short distance north of Sarcham.

General Razmara said that casualties so far had been reported as light with some of the Democratic forces killed or wounded, that some had been taken prisoner and that a few had surrendered.

Ghaflankuh Pass straddles the main route into Azerbaijan and, it was reported here, has been fortified by Democratic forces. Government forces are presumably driving northward through the pass toward the city of Mianeh.

Government planes already have started operations designed to soften the Democrats' positions in this area.

Fifty thousand armed Kurdish Democrats were reported in North Kurdistan around Mehabad. Ten thousand of them were described as Baezani tribe horsemen who immigrated from Iraq and the remainder composed of former Central Government conscript officers and men.

Teheran military sources said the Kurds were well supplied with military equipment obtained from Iraq and Azerbaijan as well as by robbing the Central Government militia from time to time.

### Will Fight

Central forces south of that area included about 30,000 troops mainly horsemen but were said to be equipped with midget tanks and mountain artillery.

In the eastern sector it was reported that 10,000 Shahavan tribesmen, who bitterly opposed the Azerbaijan regime at Tabriz, had captured Khalkhal on behalf of the Central Government. They were reported also to have stormed Ardebil. The Central Government recently has sent the Shahavanites large quantities of military supplies.

Last night Radio Tabriz broadcast a message from Azerbaijan officers to officers of the Central Army asking them not to be misled by Ghavam or the War Minister or the Chief of General Staff who are "Ameri-

## Supremo Deserved Better

Singapore, Dec. 9.

The "Singapore Free Press" in a comment today on Lord Mountbatten's appointment as Rear-Admiral Commanding the First Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean Fleet, on the winding up of the Southeast Asia Command, said he "deserved better than this."

To send Lord Mountbatten to sea in the equivalent rank and authority as a commander of any army division appears to be both a strange tribute to his wartime leadership and equally strange national wastage of his undoubtedly capabilities," the newspaper wrote.

"There are many who have looked to the time when Lord Mountbatten as a Combined Operations expert might rise to the highest command of all three services.

"There will be little argument that it is not the height of wisdom to let him sail round the Mediterranean in naval obscurity."

(Lord Mountbatten's appointment was announced on November 30 to take effect in April, 1947. He will revert from his acting rank of Admiral, which he held during his appointment as Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, to his substantive rank of Rear-Admiral on January 6).—Reuter.

## LaGuardia Resigns

Washington, Dec. 9.

Mr. Fiorello LaGuardia will tomorrow announce his resignation as Director-General of UNRRA when that organization holds its sixth and final Council session here, it was authoritatively learned today.

An administrative officer appointed by the Central Committee is expected to be appointed in Mr. LaGuardia's place to make UNRRA's "funeral arrangements."

UNRRA operations in Europe technically cease on December 31, 1946 and in China on March 31, 1947.

It is possible that Mr. LaGuardia will reiterate his views on the necessity of establishing an "organisation of UNRRA type" to carry on relief during 1947 and his criticisms of the United States and British intention to be made under the Ordinance and that it could be removed.

Holders of ration tickets on the above mentioned Companies who have not yet drawn their Cloth ration are advised to do so as soon as possible.

### CLOTH RATION

Holders of ration tickets on Lane Crawford, Ltd. and The Daily Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd. are notified that distribution of Cloth through Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd. and Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw, Ltd. against ration tickets will cease on the evening of Friday the 13th December, 1946, after which date no further claims for Cloth against ration tickets will be entertained.

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Furthermore, where a person swears or certifies to a particular fact without knowing whether it is true or false, that is as much perjury as if he knew the fact to be false and that is what happened according to the prosecution evidence in this case, for the second accused, as a medical man, would certainly know that the statement of a folk that the deceased suffered from "lunar pneumonia" was worthless. Mr. Clifford, on behalf of the prosecution, submits that even if section 6 (1) (b) were the more apt way of indicting the accused, it was open to the prosecution to charge him under paragraph (d), (as much as the medical certificate contains a false statement if that paragraph stood alone, this argument might hold good, but the words in an Ordinance must be construed with re-

the end of this year.)

Although greatly desired by Russia, no tea has yet been exported to the Soviet Union because all offers hitherto have been too low—not even enough to meet the cost of production—it is reported.—Reuter.

## Sino-Soviet Trade Pact

Shanghai, Dec. 9. China and Soviet Russia are expected to conclude shortly a new agreement covering barter trade between the two countries in 1947, according to the semi-official UCIB (United Credit Information Bureau).

Under the stipulations of the present pact, the proceeds of Chinese exports to Russia—mainly of tung oil, raw silk and hog bristles—go towards the liquidation of the debt incurred through Soviet aid to China during the early days of the Sino-Japanese war.

It is stated that through the assistance of the state-owned Central Trust, China's debt to Russia will be fully cleared by

## No Evidence For Jury In Doctor's Case

Holding that there was no evidence to go to the jury on the charge laid against Dr. Chan Hoishan, who was charged with making a false statement in a death certificate, the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, directed the jury to return a verdict of Not Guilty against both accused.

The other accused undefended, was Yu Kau, charged with false certificates, I agree with Mr. da Silva's contention that the words "false statement" in paragraph (d) must be taken as relating to other kinds of false statements made under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance. As then there is no evidence that any statement other than the information contained in the certificate which was made by the accused, I hold that there is no evidence to go to the jury on the charge as laid as against the second accused.

The first accused is undefended but the argument which has been put forward on behalf of the second accused applies to him also because he is charged with being an accessory before the fact to the offence with which the second accused is charged and therefore if the charge against the second accused fails, so does the charge against the first.

He then directed the jury to bring in a verdict of "not guilty" and pointed out that the jury had to take his directions on a point of law.

At the conclusion of the case, Mr. Clifford said it was the intention of the Crown to reindict the accused.

Before Sir Henry delivered the ruling, Mr. A. J. Clifford applied for permission to make further submissions, but the application was refused by the Chief Justice, who said he should have applied for an adjournment.

In his ruling, the Chief Justice said:—

### Technical Point

"The point taken was a technical one but if counsel can detect a chink in his adversary's armour, he is entitled to take advantage of it. Now the point taken by Mr. da Silva is this:—The Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance requires various classes of persons to make certificates or declarations or to furnish information in relation to deaths, and under the Perjury Ordinance, falsehoods in the same are punishable.

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## COLONY'S INDUSTRIES

(Continued from Page 1) overseas to countries like Burma which have been so badly served in this measure during the war.

"With regard to steel and timber a strong case has been put forward to the Home Government for an early allocation to Hong Kong and there is good reason to hope that these representations will prove successful.

### Rubber Shoes

"The subject of the revival of the export of rubber shoes has also been mentioned to this Ministry.

"We will certainly mention to the Board of Trade how important this industry is to Hong Kong.

"We also realise the importance of the ginger industry to Hong Kong and we appreciate the economic difficulties that make exports so difficult at present.

"In the present case, the evidence of the Crown discloses that the accused signed a medical certificate of the cause of the death of Yu Yiu Fai as in Form No. 19 of the Births and Deaths Ordinance in which he certified that he attended the deceased during his last illness and that the cause of death was from "lunar pneumonia." The evidence shows that in fact he never attended the deceased and that the deceased died from a stab wound. If that evidence were accepted by the jury, I would direct them that the accused would be guilty of wilfully making a false certificate for it has been held that the word "wilfully" as applied to this section merely means that the accused knew at the time of making the certificate that he was making a false statement in a document which purported to be made under the Ordinance and that it could be removed under it. (R. v. Ryan 10 C.A.R. p. 4).

### No Evidence

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## JAP CRUISER REFLOATED

Singapore, Dec. 9.

The 14,000-ton Japanese cruiser Shirokoto has been successfully re-floated and towed clear of Singapore's \$9,600,000 sunken floating dock.

The cruiser will be temporarily repaired and then towed out to deeper waters and sunk.

Naval authorities say that the way is now open to proceed with the task of repairing and re-floating the dock, but no target date has yet been set for the commencement of this operation.—Reuter.

## Sheffield, Dec. 9.

The Combined Copenhagen soccer team beat Sheffield Wednesday, a second League club, by three goals to two today.

All the goals came in the first half of the game. In spite of the heavy ground the Danes played

attractive football and showed excellent ball control.—Reuter.

## Services Team

The following have been selected to represent the United Services in an exhibition football match against Tsing Pak at Causeway Bay, Players and

## English Tour By Sing Tao?

Permission to visit England after the season and play games there, if necessary arrangements can be made was requested by Sing Tao Sports Club at the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association.

Permission was granted on condition that Sing Tao fulfil all their commitments for this season and that permission is obtained from the Football Association in England.

The following were appointed convenors to select the various teams in the International Competition:

England:—Mr. L. F. de Souza.

England:—Messrs. Rogers and Skinner.

Scotland:—Capt. England.

China:—Representatives of Clubs on the Council.

## M.C.C. Team Guesses

Sydney, Dec. 10.

The England team for the second Test match starting here on Friday will be chosen at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday. It is not thought that the overwhelming defeat at Brisbane will cause the selectors to make sweeping changes.

The spin of the coin and the thunderstorms contributed mainly to Australia's victory in the First Test.

It is thought that Hutton, Washbrook, Edrich, Compton, Hammond, Yardley, Bedser and Wright are certain to retain their places.

The question is, whether any of the other three—Ikin, Gibb and Vose—should be discarded.

England, Ikin was regarded as an all-rounder but here Hammond rarely uses him as a bowler. He is a reliable fielder close to the bat and it is thought he will stay, although Fishlock would strengthen the batting and could be put in the outfield if Hutton moves to slip or short leg.

Gibb did not shine as a wicket keeper in the Brisbane test. He stood too far back to Bedser especially when the Surrey man was ill and his pace decreased.

Evans might serve England better.

Vose bowled well at Brisbane without any luck. Unfortunately he is difficult to hide in the field. He missed some chances in the slips where he also gave away many runs, but probably Hammond will wish to retain him because of his attacking value.

Otherwise, either Smith or Larbridge could be given a chance.—Reuter.

## Medical For Test Team

Sydney, Dec. 10.

All Australian Test players are to be medically examined either today or tomorrow. This is to avoid, if possible, anyone who might have contracted chicken pox from Lindwall from being prevented from playing in the next Test starting here on Friday.

Lindwall is still in hospital at Brisbane.

Bradman, Morris, Barnes and Toshack are the only Australian Test players here at present. The others are expected tomorrow when practice begins.

Of the English players, Hammond, Edrich, Hutton, Washbrook, and Bedser are here with the others expected to arrive tomorrow.

All reserved seats for Saturday have been taken and only a few remain of the 1,200 reserved seats for the opening day.—Reuter.

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Reserves to muster at the dressing room by 3.15 p.m.

Anyone unable to play is requested to inform P.R.C. Office Wellington Barracks Tel. 31843 or 31193 ext. 2 as soon as possible.

Powell (1/6 Commando), Stewart (Widemouth Bay), Timmins (1/6 Commando), Lt. Chamberlain (Land Forces), Colles (Belfast), Cashman (P.A.F.), Ford (1/6 Commando), McMaon (R.A.S.C.), Jones (Belfast), Stickland (R.A.F.) and Heggie (Tamar). Murrell (44 Cdo.), Cummer (42 Cdo.), Hughes (23rd L.G.H.) and Anderson (R.A.F.)

## JOB FOR MILLER

Melbourne, Dec. 10.

The Australian Test cricketer Keith Miller has already been offered a situation following an appeal by Dr. A. L. Morton, the President of the Victorian Cricket Association to keep the player in Australia.

The managing director of a

## INDIAN ON CHARGE OF COLLABORATION

Testifying at the trial of Wadum